

# Oakwood Primary School

## Newsletter



Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

As ever, we have enjoyed a busy and productive fortnight at Oakwood. We are thrilled to be reinstating the Oakwood School Pupil Council this year. Over the past few weeks, pupils across KS2 have been standing for election and we will be announcing the results very soon! Huge thanks to Mrs Raghavan and Mrs Jarratt for their hard work to provide this opportunity.

Our KS1 classes have started preparing for their performances to parents next week and it has been so joyful hearing the sounds of their singing. We are very much looking forward to sharing these performances with you.

We hope you have a great weekend, and enjoy the PTA Winter Wonderland if you are attending.

The Oakwood Team

### Important dates for your diary...

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Winter Wonderland
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Non-uniform day – £2 Room donations
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 9:15am	Cherry Class Christmas Performance
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 9:15am	Beech Class Christmas Performance
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 9:15am	Ash Class Christmas Performance
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Santa Dash – children should wear trainers and can wear a festive hat
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	£2 Room at school
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch – children may wear a Christmas jumper
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	UKS2 visits to care homes: Christmas in the community
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Acorns Christmas Assembly
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	School finishes at 12:20pm for Acorns 12:25pm for KS1 12:30pm for KS2

### Recommended reading...

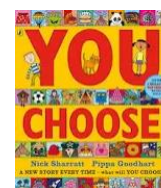
At Oakwood, we really value reading and see it as the gateway to knowledge and one of life's key pleasures!

We hope you and your children enjoy this week's selection of democracy themed books.

#### Reception

*You Choose*

Author: Pippa Goodhart  
Illustrator: Nick Sharratt



#### Key Stage 1

*The Turkey that Voted for Christmas*

Author: Madeleine Cook  
Illustrator: Samara Hardy



#### Lower Key Stage 2

*How to Change the World*

Author: Rashmi Sirdeshpande  
Illustrator: Annabel Tempest



#### Upper Key Stage 2

*If I Ran the Country*

Author: Rich Knight  
Illustrator: Alan Sanders



Please do visit your local library to select from a fantastic range of books. [Locations and opening times are here.](#)

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## Learning around Oakwood: Beech

In science this term, Beech class have been learning about celebrations and the ways in which they are celebrated using light, food and music in different cultures in a variety of ways.

This week we explored how different instruments make noise, and investigated the vibrations that cause sound to travel. With toilet roll tubes, tin foil, baking paper and bin bags, we made our own kazoos that made sounds using vibrations caused by blowing. We were very surprised that tin foil had stronger vibrations than the baking paper, which meant that the noise created was louder!

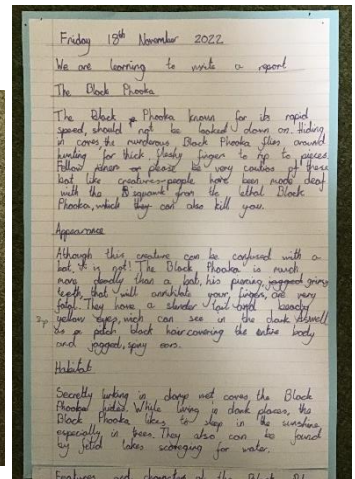


## 'Who's who?' Mrs Tavener

Hello - my name is Mrs Tavener and I work in the School Office. My role is PA to the Headteacher – this means that I support Ms Buckley in the smooth running of our school. Every day I have the pleasure of speaking to and working with pupils, parents, staff, governors, visitors, contractors and suppliers - no two days are ever the same! I particularly enjoy getting to know the children and their families from when they first join us in Reception right up to Year 6 and moving on to their secondary schools.

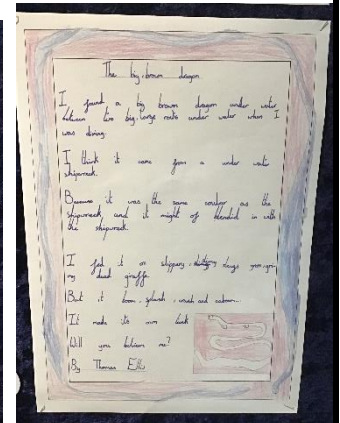
## Work of the week!

### Immy in Willow



Willow class have been learning to write reports about mythical creatures. We have spent a lot of time learning a variety of techniques to make our work exciting for the reader. We have been learning how to integrate figurative language, use specific vocabulary and considering a range of purposeful punctuation. Immy's report was well thought out, well written and she strove to achieve all the learning objectives.

### Thomas in Lime



Lime class have been reading Brian Patten's poem "A Small Dragon." After analysing the structure and thinking about his language choices, Thomas wrote and published his own poem in the same style. Thomas used a range of adjectives and amazing alliteration in his poem. He also responded well to feedback when redrafting his work.

**Well done Immy and Thomas!**

**Please remember if you have any queries or questions, do make an appointment to come and speak to a member of staff. We are always very happy to meet with you. Don't let a little worry become a big one!**

## Learning around Oakwood: Rowan

It's all go here in Year Five! We have been really busy over the past few weeks, learning about all things Mayan. We enjoyed learning about their number system and were amazed to find out that they could write ANY number using just three digits. They were really special as they were one of the first civilisations to use zero.

We learnt even more about the Ancient Maya last Friday when Ian from 'Mexicolore' joined us and led us all in a fascinating morning as we chanted, drummed, danced, sang and processed in ancient Mayan style.



We have extended our Mexican theme in art, where we have studied the work of Frida Kahlo and produced our own self-portraits based upon her distinctive style.



## 'Who's who?' Mrs Campo

Hi all, this is Mrs Campo. I work every day in the school during lunchtime hours. I am part of the MSA team, working mainly in the dining room and playground with our reception and KS1 children. My main task is keeping children safe during lunches, as well as trying to promote good manners at the table while eating their meals. Oakwood is a lively and cheerful place to be, and not a single day is the same! I feel so overwhelmed seeing such good manners and politeness from so many children. They enjoy getting involved in keeping the room clean and tidy and we are learning constantly from them. We work as a team to make sure that these good habits are formed as consistently as possible. Thank you very much to all parents and carers for your great support in this!

## Celebration Assembly

Every week, a celebration assembly is held to mark children's successes, efforts and achievement individually and as a class.

Over the last two weeks, the following prizes were awarded to...



'Golden Dustpan and Brush' for the tidiest classroom – Willow



'Golden Toilet' for the cleanest and most looked after class toilets – Ash



'Golden Clock' for the class with the best attendance and punctuality – Maple



'Golden Knife and Fork' for the best manners in the hall at lunchtime – Acorns 2

**Person of the Week** for demonstrating values which are important to everyone in our school:

Ash – Thomas and Arianne  
Beech – Molly and Maila  
Cherry – Poppy, Olivia and William J.  
Lime – Joey and Thisan  
Maple – Noureen and  
Poplar – Jehaan and Ellie  
Rowan – Joshua L and Noah  
Sycamore – Isabel and Iona  
Willow – Phoebe and Stella



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